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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time into the one month after the response due date, i.e., until November 23, 2007, for responding to the Notice of Appeal filed on August 23, 2007.

A check for the appropriate fee set by 37 CFR §1.17 of \$120.00 is attached hereto for this Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any Petition for Extension of Time fee for underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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